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the potato crop had reached 1,500 kg per morgen in 1953, as against 5,000 to 6,000 kg in previous years. the Institutes of the Academy of Agricultural Science, which, in 1952, had overfulfilled their harvesting quotas, underfulfilled their potato quotas by some 250,000 kg. in 1953. the poor crop resulted from bad weather and the shortage and poor quality of seed potatoes. in 1952 and 1953, seed potatoes had mainly been used for consumption by the population, and some types of potatoes previously used were no longer suitable for sowing, because they had lost their germinating power.

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2. In early November 1953, only two out of 65 employees of an institute in Eberswalde had received storage potatoes. During the period from 1 to 6 November 1953, the HC-restaurant in Eberswalde served only two potato dishes. Only 10 percent of the so-called potato dishes were served with potatoes. On 31 October 1953, the workers' mess of the Eberswalde Bau Union was closed down for lack of potatoes.

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1. Comment: The report indicates a crop of 12,000 kg of potatoes per hectare in 1953 as against a standard prewar yield of 18,000 kg. This poor yield and the decrease in planted areas resulted in a crop of only 10 million tons of potatoes as against an average crop of about 15 million tons.

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